

TRENCHES
FRENCH SILENCE

German Batteries on Meuse; Russians Repel Attacks.

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used for firing upon aviators. In this same region we have blown up a block house and destroyed several trenches. "Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report, but in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Senones, we have consolidated the positions gained by us the evening before."

"Russia: In the region of Nawa, violent attacks on the part of German troops have been repulsed and the Russians have taken the offensive against columns of the enemy that are retreating in disorder. In the region to the north of Lodz, the German attacks have been repulsed everywhere, and with heavy losses to them."

"In the region south of Cracow the Russian offensive has been fully continued in spite of a stubborn resistance."

Servians Take 15,000 Prisoners.
"In Serbia, the German armies which have crossed the Kolubara river have been repulsed and the Servians have taken the offensive against the German troops. The number of prisoners taken by the Servians in the course of these recent engagements reaches the total of about 15,000."

Germans Take 250 Prisoners.
Berlin, Germany, Dec. 12.—(By wire.) London, England, Dec. 12.—Official statement issued today says:

"On the east Prussian frontier our cavalry repulsed Russian cavalry, taking 250 prisoners."

"South of the Vistula and in northern Poland our operations are developing."

"In southern Poland, Russian attacks have been repulsed by Austro-Hungarian and German troops."

French Lose 200 Killed.
"In Flanders the French made attacks in the region of Langemark, which, however, were repulsed. They lost 200 men in killed and were taken 140 prisoners."

"Our artillery bombarded the Ypres railroad station to interfere with the movements of the enemy's troops."

"We have made some progress near Arras."

"French troops again attacked us near Souain-Perthes, but without success."

Attacks Weaken.
"In the Argonne forest the French for weeks past have limited themselves to a very weak attack and every day have been repulsed. On the other hand, German troops have again taken possession of an important French position of strategic importance, the exploit of which the enemy has suffered heavy losses in killed and many of their troops have been severely shaken as to be unable to fight any longer."

SERVIAN ARMY LACKS OFFICERS
HOSPITALS NEED DRUGS BADLY

Nish, Serbia, Dec. 12.—There is a shortage of officers in the Serbian army, due not only to the severe losses sustained in the early stages of the campaign, but also to the losses of the two Balkan wars. The gap has proved a source of considerable embarrassment to the army, which has a number of youthful cadets from the military college have not been given commissions and sent to the front. Another matter of serious concern in army circles is the difficulty of caring properly for the wounded, who are being sent to the rear hospitals as rapidly as possible. Although there are a number of Red Cross units from foreign countries on the ground, there is still a shortage of trained nurses and of surgical and hygienic appliances.

MANY BULLETS REQUIRED
TO KILL A MAN IN BATTLE

London, Eng., Dec. 12.—One of the things frequently noted by soldiers at the front in the course of the Balkan wars is the extraordinary expenditure of bullets required to kill a man. A German report states that many German soldiers have been killed by bullets during the first month of the war. An English observer estimated that 25 German shells are wasted for every man killed.

In 1870 it was calculated that the Germans fired 150 bullets and six shrapnel shells for every wounded Frenchman. In the Russo-Japanese war it is said 3000 bullets were fired for every life lost.

400,000 FRENCH BOYS
BEGIN TRAINING FOR WAR

Paris, France, Dec. 12.—Four hundred thousand boys of 13 and 20 years, forming the class of 1915, went into training today in military instruction camps and barracks throughout France. Having completed preliminary drills at home, they will be sent to the spring campaign. Cardinal Amette said mass for several thousand of these young men here today at the church of Notre Dame des Victoires. He closed the service with this admonition: "Go in courage and confidence."

WARSHIP HALTS LINER
FOR SMOKING TOBACCO

New York, Dec. 12.—The steamer Ansonia, Liverpool to New York, was halted at night in mid-ocean by a British warship with a request for smoking tobacco, it became known today. Clearing the liner, in goodly quantities, were placed in the ship's receptacle and passed over the side. A boat from the warship picked it up, upon the vessel the British officer thanked the Ansonia captain for his cooperation and the Ansonia continued her voyage to New York.

SAYS BULGARIA WILL JOIN WAR
IF GOOD CHANCE APPEARS

New York, Dec. 12.—Bulgaria will remain neutral as long as it suits her best interests, but if the time comes when Bulgaria can see something to gain by fighting, the nation will go to war on the side of the allies, it was stated by Stefan Perazetoff, first Bulgarian minister to the United States, to be Bulgaria's policy.

TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES
ARE REPORTED DESTROYED

London, Eng., Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Edinburgh to the Daily Mail reports that two German submarine attacks were made on the Elbe of North on Wednesday morning, but that they were repulsed. The German submarines, the dispatch says, were destroyed.

COLORADO SHIPS 1,000,000
POUNDS OF FLOUR TO BELGIUM

Denver, Colo., Dec. 12.—For the benefit of the war sufferers in Belgium, 1,000,000 pounds of flour were shipped from Denver Friday for New York, where it will be shipped to Europe. Another shipment of the same size will be sent in a few days.

BRITISH GENERAL VISITS JAPAN.
Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 12.—Brig. Gen. Nathaniel W. Barnardiston, commander of the British North China forces and who headed the British troops in the attack on Tsing-Tai, arrived here this morning. Gen. Barnardiston will be the guest of the nation.

GORGES
THINK ENGLISH

The Bravest and Toughest; French Fight Well.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 12.—Evidence of the reaction of German officers and soldiers fighting at the front against the tendency to belittle the fighting qualities of the enemy continue to accumulate.

Soldiers' letters and returning soldiers speak in terms of high appreciation of the gallantry, tenacity and soldierly qualities of their opponents and among several hundred wounded with whom the correspondents have talked in hospitals the last fortnight no one was found who refused to credit the enemy in general. Russian, French and Belgian and English with bravery and military skill.

Distinctions are drawn, it is true, the British being generally reckoned as the toughest opponents on the west front.

French Good Fighters.
The Germans had a high opinion of the fighting qualities of the French soldier before this war began. The fighting which occurred on the march from the Col de la Marne to the Marne and Paris tended to lessen their respect for toughness of French moral fiber, but the last two months have changed that again and soldiers' letters reflect increased respect for them. The recent fighting of the remnants of the Belgian army, the German estimation of the Belgian soldier, who, in the general opinion, had not greatly distinguished himself at Liege, Namur and Antwerp and the intervening field engagements.

English Do Not Run.
As to the British, field post letters continue to bear out the statement from German reports as to the English fighting qualities. One of the latest of these letters, printed in the Cologne Gazette, contains the following striking passage:

"People at home appear to have wrong notions about the fighting qualities of the enemy. The English are the toughest and bravest foe we have to meet. Every individual man keeps on fighting, but not a single man is a deserter or a coward. They are not afraid of death, but they are afraid of being taken prisoner and then being treated as a prisoner of war. When we storm a position the French will run when we close in with our shouts of 'Hurrah!' but the English stick tenaciously to their entrenchments to the last."

Servians Brave.
Danner's review, the leading military publication of Austria, pays a high tribute to the Servian, Belgian and Russian troops. The English are praised for their without food and ammunition. Credit is given to the Belgians for their courage and tenacity. "When they must have realized that their own cause was irretrievably lost," the review is critical of the Belgians, but it is not critical of the Servians, saying they are brave and capable.

GERMANS REJOICE OVER
DESTRUCTION OF "TERROR"

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 12.—A small French aeroplane—the "Bauer's chieft"—which translated means "the peasant"—is no more and great is the rejoicing there among one wing of the German army which it had disturbed much.

For a long period, every evening about 5 o'clock, the machine would appear over the trenches south of Reims drop just one bomb, which never failed to scatter death and destruction, and the German aviators ascended repeatedly and made futile attempts to bring down the dangerous visitor. It was evident that the machine was not a mere scout plane, but a real fighter, and that its occupants were no mean marksmen.

Every aviator who pursued the "Bauer's chieft" south of Reims, the honor of bringing it down, and as a result of bravery shown in pursuit one non-commissioned officer was killed and another was wounded. The machine was shot through the hips by a gun in the French machine, he continued to pilot a German aeroplane for nine miles and then crashed into a field. One was an officer and the other a civilian.

FRENCH CABINET FAVORS
MONTHLY CREDIT FOR ARMY

Paris, France, Dec. 12.—President Poincaré presided over a meeting of the French cabinet this morning at the palace of the Champs Elysees. The cabinet was present with the exception of the minister of war, Alexandre Millerand, who is at Bordeaux. A decree was passed authorizing the government to open the opening of both houses of parliament.

The minister of finance, Alexandre Ribot, explained the situation of the French budget, which is in a state of provisional monthly credits. The cabinet will request the parliament to vote six provisional monthly credits in order that the government may not have to exist from hand to mouth, and that the armed forces may be able to continue the war with necessary energy.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN
LATEST NAVAL BATTLE

London, Eng., Dec. 12.—Seven killed and four wounded comprise the total of British casualties in the naval battle of December 8, when four German cruisers were sunk by the British squadron off the Falkland Islands, according to a cablegram to the secretary of the British admiralty from vice admiral Sturges, commanding the British fleet. No officers were either killed or wounded.

DRESDEN TAKES REFUGE
ON PATAGONIAN COAST

London, Eng., Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Valparaiso, Chile, says it is reported that the German cruiser Dresden has taken refuge in an inlet on the coast of Patagonia.

The Dresden, the only vessel of the German squadron, which met the British fleet in the south Atlantic Dec. 8, that has not been accounted for.

RUSSIA DECLINES HOLIDAY
TRUCE, BERLIN HEARS

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 12.—The official press bureau here today said that Russia has declined the pope's suggestion of a Christmas holiday truce. Germany has assented to the truce was suggested by the pope, but the other nations at war to likewise assent.

HOLLAND SEIZES GERMAN
CARGOES ON RIVER SHELDT

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 12.—The correspondent at Banskert, Netherlands, of the Amsterdam Telegraph, declares that the Dutch authorities have seized 15 river boats containing cargoes of grain and other goods, which it is alleged the Germans were attempting to smuggle by way of the river Scheldt. The German authorities, the correspondent says, found that the goods are private property.

Get a pure silk shawl, \$1.50, for your mother's Christmas present. At Kinko's reliable curio store, 424 San Francisco street.—Advertisement.

England Is Sending Many
Soldiers Home on Visits;
Is Surprise to Families

Aldershot, Eng., Dec. 12.—As the result of recent orders given by Sir John French, the families of regular troops stationed here have been delightfully surprised by visits from relatives direct from the front. These men are given leave from the trenches and most of them elect to spend the time with their families.

Wives of sergeant majors, who despaired of seeing their husbands before the end of the war, have been surprised by the receipt of telegrams from reports informing them of the home coming. These husbands arrive looking as spry and span as when they marched to the war, for the men selected from the regiments which have been moved to the rear of the battle line to give the soldiers a chance to rest and receive fresh uniforms.

It is expected that later whole units will be given holidays and the soldier in the trenches, according to one officer, is just as fit as a fiddle, has no real anticipation, than the prospect of an afternoon at a football game followed by the evening at a music hall.

BUYING GREEN
WHEAT GOES UP
Corn and Oats Also Advance; Market for Provisions Is Steady.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Buying, led by two of the largest houses on 'change, turned the wheat market today sharply higher. After opening at 85c, it advanced to 86c, and then to 87c, closing at 87c. Corn advanced from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2, and oats from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2.

Corn advanced with wheat, the opening which was followed by a moderate gain. Oats were governed by the action of other cereals. Traders in provisions ignored a decline at the yards. There was a steady market.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.
Chicago Grain, Close.
Wheat—Dec. 1, 85 1/2; May, 85 1/2.
Corn—Dec. 1, 1 1/4; May, 85 1/2.
Oats—Dec. 1, 1 1/4; May, 85 1/2.

Chicago Provisions, Close.
Pork—Jan. 1, 10 1/2; May, 10 1/2.
Lard—Jan. 1, 10 1/2; May, 10 1/2.
Hogs—Jan. 1, 10 1/2; May, 10 1/2.

LIVESTOCK.
Chicago Livestock, Close.
Cattle—Market steady. Native steers, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; western, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; calves, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2.
Hogs—Market steady. Bulk, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; western, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2; calves, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2.

NEW YORK COTTON, CLOSE.
New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton—Spot quiet; middling uplands, 7.30.

PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX
FOR 1913 TOTALS \$27,253,535

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—In 1913 the income taxes collected amounted, in all, to \$27,253,535, according to the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue.

Returns were made by 278,855 married persons, 52,200 single men and 22,251 single women. The normal tax of one percent on all taxable incomes produced \$1,728,076. Income over \$20,000 a year, subject to tax, produced \$1,525,497. Of this latter amount \$2,924,754 came from incomes of between \$20,000 and \$50,000; \$1,645,653 from \$50,000 and \$100,000; \$1,234,583 from \$100,000 and \$250,000; \$234,583 from \$250,000 and \$500,000; and \$2,427,850 from those over \$500,000.

GOVERNMENT MAKES MONEY
ON WAR RISK INSURANCE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—War risk insurance, taken up by the government as a result of the European war with its attending dangers on the high seas, has so far proved profitable to the United States. The profits from September 2 to December 1, as shown by the war risk bureau's first report to congress, have been \$358,769.

Premiums paid amounted to \$358,769. Insurance amounting to \$15,421,105 was written by the bureau. No losses have been paid to date. The bureau has been made for about \$5000 worth of losses. Of the insurance written, a little more than \$100,000,000 was on hulls and nearly \$100,000,000 was on cargo. The expenses of the bureau for the three months was \$3800.

HOUSE IS TO TAKE VOTE
ON SUFFRAGE, PROHIBITION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Tea and dry voters in the house on special rules for consideration of proposals to submit woman suffrage and prohibition questions for constitutional amendment. The rules committee today, in the prohibition question will be brought into the house on December 22, and when it has been disposed of woman suffrage will be taken up.

REPORT BRITISH FLEET IN
COAST OF PANAMA

Panama, Dec. 12.—It is reported here today that a squadron of six British warships met four British cruisers Friday at a point on the high seas 50 miles south of Panama and coiled from them. It is believed locally that these warships came from central waters.

One of them is said to be the Australian battle cruiser Australia.

For several days past there has been a wireless intercept, which it is believed that the cruisers and the warships have been in communication. Also ships' captains coming into Balboa reported the nearness of British cruisers.

FIVE PERCENT FREIGHT
INCREASE IS ORDERED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Formal orders issued by the interstate commerce commission today to increase freight rates in Central freight association territory to realize the five percent advance in central freight rates granted to them by the commission in its decision of August 1.

The orders stipulate that "no increased rates shall be established upon commodities as to which increased rates were not authorized."

DIRECTORY SOLICITOR HELD TO
GRAND JURY ON FORGERY CHARGE

W. R. Stone, charged with forgery, was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of forgery.

Stone is alleged to have been a solicitor for the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has been working on a business directory, and that he turned in a contract dated Sept. 16 bearing the signature of W. R. Stone, which it is charged, is a forgery.

News Brevities

(Advertisement.)

Train Bulletin.
Texas and Pacific train No. 5, from the east, due at 8:50 p. m., will arrive at 10:20 p. m. All other afternoon and evening trains for Saturday are reported on time.

Attention, Master Masons.
You are cordially invited to meet at Masonic temple Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of our late brother R. J. Hadlock.

W. W. Clack, Worshipful Master.

Thinkers, who are seeking help in forming their theories of life will find in the First Congregational church on "The Working Faith of a Liberal Theologian."

Dr. Jamieson, diseases of Kidney, Bladder, Skin and Rectum. 615 Mills Bldg.

Phone 627, Wilson Millikan, the best cleaners. White work a specialty.

Churches to Aid Unemployed.
New York, Dec. 12.—More than 1800 churches in New York city have combined forces to help meet the problem of the unemployed in this city during the winter. The movement was inaugurated by the New York Federation of Churches.

Sheep, Cattle and Cotton Meal Imported.
Kraft & Madero imported Thursday 600 sheep and 450 head of cattle at the port of El Paso. Cotton seed cake were also imported Thursday.

Dr. Deady, 215 Mills Bldg., phone 3274. spec. attention diseases women; surgery.

Dr. Cathcart, X-ray laboratory removed to 219 Ross Bldg., Phone 556.

Dr. Morford, moved to 215 Mills Bldg.

Southern Society Gives Ball.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Secretary and Mrs. Bryan were guests of honor Friday night at the annual ball of the Southern society of Washington. Diplomatic, official and residential members of the society attended.

A distinctive southern setting composed of tropical plants, cotton bolls and foliage had been arranged for the occasion.

Why Not?
Patronize an institution that marks all goods in plain figures, at Beach's Art Shop, 408 San Francisco street.

One car of assorted mouldings. Pick it out at half price. Bargains in sash and doors. Roofing, paper. Lander Lumber Co., phone 582.

Dr. Hupley, 319 Herald Bldg., obstetrics, diseases of women and nervous troubles.

Dr. Cameron, dentist, 202 Ross Bldg.

Young's Kidney Pills.
McCool, Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—Otto Bellows, 23 years old, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Frank Bellows, Friday, wounding his sister, placing an end to a long and painful life.

The young man is believed to have been insane.

Why Not?
A nice silk shawl for your holiday remembrance, at Beach's Art Shop, 408 San Francisco street.

Dr. Ebert, dentist, 216-215 Mills Bldg.

Hill, Optician of Precision, 421 Mead.

Dr. Tugot, dentist, 402 Roberts-Banner.

Dr. Anna Reim, Buckler Bldg., over Elite.

Sheriff's Message Causes Arrest.
The police are holding a man supposed to be Holie J. Linder, 17 years old, who is wanted in Austin, Tex., on a charge of swindling. The sheriff at Alpine wired that Linder had passed through that place on route to Austin, and the arrest was made.

Chief of police L. N. Davis wired sheriff G. S. Matthews, at Austin, that Matthews wired back to hold the man.

Dr. A. T. Still Osteopathic Infirmary.
Dr. Ira J. Collins, osteopath, Dr. Carl Gibson, 101 W. Missouri street. They cured you.

Dr. Jones & Jones, Foot Specialists.
Mills Bldg. 5 to 9 p. m. Other hours at house or office by appointment. Ch. 752.

El Paso Distilled Water Co., Ch. 458.

Bush Plumbing Co., phone 1472.

WEATHER BULLETIN.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU.

Forecast for the week ending December 13, 1914.
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Huerta Says His Sword
Is Not For Villa; Bitter
Against Mexican Leaders

New York, Dec. 12.—In a cable message from Barranquilla, Colombia, Huerta, president of Mexico, does not mince words in denouncing his old enemies. A Madrid dispatch from a Constitutional representative, Novena, stated that Huerta was looking to Villa as his country's liberator. Huerta says:

"The New York Tribune, November 23, reproduces a cable message from a so-called Mexican constitutional representative in Spain that I offered my fortune and sword to Villa. I want to make known to the one who originated that statement in a villainous and I solemnly declare that I can never have dealings with Carranza, the four-flusher. Carranza, the highwayman, nor with Villa, the jailbird, and I am presently living in Europe in a hospitable country, completely away from Mexican politics. However, the statements from certain people who are dishonoring our country here in Europe are so absurd that I consider it imperative to state again that the person who has given such information to the American people is a villainous liar. I will appreciate the publication of this, my emphatic statement."

Signed, "Victoriano Huerta."

Physicians and surgeons of the southwest will elect their officers, select the next meeting place and adjourn the Southwest Medical and Surgical association convention last evening, after being in session here since Thursday.

Dr. J. E. Bacon, of Miami, Ariz., Dr. R. E. McBride, of Las Vegas, N. M., Dr. J. H. Gilbert, of Alamogordo, N. M., and Dr. A. M. Tutill, of Morenci, Ariz., are being urged by their friends to permit their names to be mentioned before the convention at the final session for the presidency of the association.

Albuquerque, N. M., and Prescott, Ariz., are being considered as the next meeting place although a number of the visiting physicians favor El Paso because of its central location. Albuquerque is considered to have the best chance of being selected. The El Paso physicians will decline to vote on the selection of the next meeting place. They say that while they will be glad to entertain the association next year, they do not wish to be in the position of working for the convention but of reading the reports of the association.

The Saturday afternoon session of the meeting was taken up with the reading of a number of papers on tuberculosis.

A smoker was given the visiting doctors at the El Paso Convention on Friday evening by the El Paso doctors. Clinics were held in the hospitals Saturday morning.

Reopening of Trading Features Gains; Few Losses.
New York, Dec. 12.—The stock exchange, which resumed trading today after being closed since the outbreak of the European war, closed strong.

There were many additions to the opening list, the latter including such well known names as Reading, the most prominent feature of the railway list, in the lead to over eight points and Lehigh Valley to 12 points. St. Paul rose 1/2 and Northern Pacific, after some early weakness, advanced almost three points, with a gain of 11 points for Peoples Gas.

Some of the specialties, including Texas Copper, General Electric, and Southern Railway, increased their initial advances, while other specialties like Goodrich, Alaska and Pacific Telephone averaged six point advances.

Losses were nominal except for Southern Railway and preferred, Louisville & Nashville, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, which declined one to 1/2 points.

700 Brokers on the Floor.
Not for many years has there been such a throng of brokers on the floor as that which was seen today. The market opened with a rush and an old time upward swing that sent the principal issues whole points higher.

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N. Y. LISTED STOCKS.
(By Associated Press.)

The closing prices of the following were reported by the New York stock exchange for the stocks named: Amalgamated Copper, 124 1/2; American Sugar Refining, 184 1/2; Atlantic Coast Line, 101 1/2; Reading, 141 1/2.

MONEY AND METALS.
NEW YORK MARKET.
(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 12.—Closing: Mercantile paper, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4; Bar silver, 49 1/2; Gold, 100 @ 100 1/2; Government bonds,